

Articles

for the quicke & the dead, to haue remission of payne or gylt, were blasphemous fables, and dangerous deceites.

32 *Of the mariage of Priestes.*

Bishops, Priests, & Deacons, are not commaunded by Gods lawe either to vowe the estate of single life, or to abstaine from mariage. Therfore it is lawfull also for them, as for all other Christian men, to mary at their owne discretion, as they shall iudge the same to serue better to godlynesse.

33 *Of excommunicate persons, howe they are to be auoyded.*

That person which by open denuntiation of the Church, is rightly cut off from the vnitie of the Church, and excommunicated, ought to be taken of the whole multitude of the faithful as an Heathen and Publicane, vntil he be openly reconciled by penance, and receyued into the Church by a iudge that hath authoritie thereto.

34 *Of the traditions of the Church.*

It is not necessarie that traditions & ceremonies be in al places one, or vtterly like, for at al times

of religion.

times they haue bene diuerse, & may be chaunged according to the diuersitie of Countries, times, & mens maners, so y nothing be ordained against Gods word. whosoener through his priuate iudgement, willingly and purposely doeth openly breake the traditions and ceremonies of the Church, which be not repugnant to the worde of God, and be ordained & approued by common authoritie: ought to bee rebuked openly, (that other may feare to do the like) as he that offendeth against the common order of the Church, and hurteth the authoritie of the Magistrate, and woundeth the consciences of the weake brethren.

Euery particular or nationall Church, hath authoritie to ordaine, chaunge, and abolish ceremonies or rites of the Church ordained onely by mans authoritie, so that all thinges be done to edifying.

35 *Of Homilies.*

THE second booke of Homilies, the seuerall titles whereof we haue ioyned vnder this article, doth cōteine a godly & wholesome doctrine, and necessarie for these times, as doth the former booke of Homilies, which were set forth in the time of Edward the sixt: and therefore we iudge the to be read in Churches by the Ministers diligently, and distinctly, that they may be vnderstanded of the people.

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